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4. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1 which further comprises selfing said selected plants and harvesting resultant seed.

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6. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, which further comprises introducing said selected plants having an improved agronomic characteristic into a breeding program to produce progeny of said plants, said progeny maintaining said improved agronomic characteristic.

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17. (AMENDED) The method of claim 15, which further comprises selfing said selected plants after step (I) and harvesting resultant seed.

18. (AMENDED) The method of claim 15, which further comprises backcrossing recipient plant species to said selected plants after step (I) and harvesting resultant seed.